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Jobless rates down in 98 counties from August 2009 to August 2010

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EDITOR'S NOTE: August's preliminary and July's revised county unemployment rate charts are posted at http://workforce.ky.gov/Aug10charts.pdf. Acrobat Reader is required to view charts. To download Acrobat Reader, please see the end of this news release.

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Unemployment rates fell in 98 Kentucky counties between August 2009 and August 2010, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training, an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

Woodford County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the Commonwealth at 7.6 percent. It was followed by Webster County, 7.9 percent; Boyd County, 8.2 percent; Fayette and Oldham counties, 8.3 percent each; Livingston County, 8.4 percent; Boone and Calloway counties, 8.5 percent each; and Carlisle, Franklin, Hancock, Henderson and Shelby counties, 8.6 percent each.

Magoffin County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate — 18.2 percent. It was followed by Menifee County, 17.2 percent; Jackson County, 16.7 percent; Metcalfe County, 15.5 percent; Clay County, 14.3 percent; McCreary County, 14.2 percent; Wolfe County, 13.7 percent; and Grayson, Morgan and Powell counties, 13.6 percent each.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working. Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and

unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks. The statistics in this news release are not seasonally adjusted to allow for comparisons between United States, state and county figures.
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